# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Confirmation No. 3949

Takaaki MAEKAWA

Attn: BOX PCT

Serial No. 10/069,796

Docket No. 2002-0279A

Filed February 28, 2002

BACTERIA GROWTH CARRIER INCLUDING TRACE ELEMENT [Corresponding to PCT/JP99/05758 Filed October 19, 1999]

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

# REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 USC 371

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the PTO Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371 dated May 10, 2002, submitted herewith is a Declaration for the above application executed by the inventors.

Also enclosed are the PTO surcharge of \$130.00 required by 37 CFR 1.492(e), and a copy of the PTO notice.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now complete, and early indication thereof is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

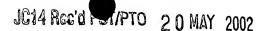
Takaaki MAEKAWA

Ву \_\_\_

Matthew Jacob

Registration No. 25,154 Attorney for Applicant

MJ/pjm Washington, D.C. 20006-1021 Telephone (202) 721-8200 Facsimile (202) 721-8250 May 20, 2002



#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Takaaki MAEKAWA

Attn: BOX PCT

Serial No. 10/069,796

Docket No. 2002-0279A

Filed February 28, 2002

Confirmation No. 3949

BACTERIA GROWTH CARRIER INCLUDING

TRACE ELEMENT

[Corresponding to PCT/JP99/05758

Filed October 19, 1999]

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT

ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

## PATENT OFFICE FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto is a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover Patent Office fees relating to filing the following attached papers:

A duplicate copy of this paper is being submitted for use in the Accounting Division, Office of Finance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.

Respectfully submitted,

05/23/2002 GFREY1

00000103 10069796

01 FC:154

130.00 OP

Takaaki MAEKAWA

Registration No. 25,154 Attorney for Applicant

MJ/pjm WENDEROTH, LIND & PONACK, L.L.P. 2033 K St., N.W., Suite 800 Washington, D.C. 20006-1021 Telephone (202) 721-8200 May 20, 2002

[Check No. 50299]

2002-0279A



#### UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT United States Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO. FIRST NAMED APPLICANT ATTY. DOCKET NO.

10/069,796 Takaaki Maekawa 2002-0279A

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/JP99/05758

U.A. FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE

2033 K STREET N. W.

10/19/1999

WENDEROTH, LIND & PONACK, L.L.P. 2033 K STREET N. W. SUITE 800 WASHINGTON, DC 20006-1021

CONFIRMATION NO. 3949
371 FORMALITIES LETTER
\*OC00000000008052055\*

Date Mailed: 05/10/2002

## NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- · Copy of IPE Report
- · Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Information Disclosure Statements
- Request for Immediate Examination



WENDEROTH, LIND & PONACK

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$130 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

• \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.

SHELBY J VIGIL

Telephone: (703) 305-3653

### PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	ATTY, DOCKET NO.
10/069.796	PCT/JP99/05758	2002-0279A

FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 (371 Formalities Notice)